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Funeral For

WORLD PAYS

Kennedy

LAST TRIBUTE

WEATHER

TONIGHT: Clear, Cold
TOMORROW: Increasingly Cloudy

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — The soul of John Fitzgerald Kennedy was commended unto God today at a simple Roman Catholic funeral Mass attended by world leaders.

Last rites for the assassinated President were conducted at St. Matthew's Cathedral by Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston, the lifelong friend and pastor who performed Kennedy's marriage ceremony and baptized his children.

Kennedy's flag-draped casket was borne to the cathedral from the White House, six blocks away, by the same horse-drawn caisson that brought the remains from the Capitol where an estimated 140,000 persons passed by the bier.

Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy, who was at her husband's side when a sniper's bullet cut him down Friday, followed on foot behind the caisson. Walking behind her to the mournful cadence of muffled drums were President Johnson, former Presidents Eisenhower and Truman, foreign heads of state and other dignitaries.

Proceed to Cemetery

After the services, the cortege was to proceed to Arlington National Cemetery where the commander of PT-109 will rest forever among fellow comrades-in-arms of World War II and other heroic dead.

The "Rest in Peace" Mass for America's first Roman Catholic President was offered in the presence of 1,200 persons who had come from near and far to make a final gesture of love or respect.

"Life is not taken away . . . life is but changed," intoned white-haired Cardinal Cushing, as he offered the ancient Catholic prayer for the departed:

"Be merciful, we beseech Thee, O Lord, to the soul of Thy servant, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, whom You have just called out of this world . . . He put his hope and trust in You: Do not then let him undergo the pains of hell, but bring him to happiness without end."

By the side of the grief-numbed young widow was Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy, the late President's brother and closest to him of all in the closely knit Kennedy family.

Among the mourners were such diverse world leaders as Prince Philip of Britain; Anastas I. Mikoyan, first deputy premier of Russia; President Charles de Gaulle of France; Chancellor Ludwig Erhard of West Germany; King Baudoin of Belgium; President Eamon De Valera of Ireland; and Sir Alec Douglas-Home, new prime minister of Britain.

Across America, millions of Kennedy's countrymen said their own prayers for the repose of his soul. President Johnson declared a national day of mourning and "earnestly recommended" that every American attend his place of worship "to pay homage to the memory of a great and good man."

St. Matthew's Cathedral which was Kennedy's parish church, is a drab red brick building with a 200-foot-high dome. Standing since 1898, and begrimed by the soot of the downtown area it occupies, it is far from impressive in its external appearance.

But its interior is a glittering example of Romanesque-Byzantine architecture, with pillars of magnificent red-and-white carrara marble and richly colored mosaics of Venetian glass. Its showpiece is a magnificent high altar of white marble, carved in India and decorated with colored insets in the same manner as the famed Taj Mahal.

Kennedy's casket rested in front of this altar and just underneath the soaring dome of the cathedral.

In keeping with Catholic liturgical tradition, their were no flowers on the altar or around the casket. The usual white candles on the altar were replaced with candles of unbleached yellow wax, the sign of a funeral mass. Cardinal Cushing wore black vestments instead of the brilliant scarlet robes of his office as a prince of the church.

Ave Maria Sung

One of Kennedy's favorite hymns, the Ave Maria, was sung before the mass by Luigi Vena, a Boston tenor who also sang at the late President's wedding.

The cathedral choir then sang the ancient funeral hymn "Libera Me" which begins with the words, "Deliver me, oh Lord, from everlasting death . . ." in a new setting by the Italian composer Perosi.

The service conducted by Cardinal Cushing was what is known technically as a "low" mass, which means that it was the simplest type of mass, spoken rather than sung, with a single priest officiating rather than the three who would have been required had the family chosen a solemn high mass.

There was no eulogy. Insofar as the service itself went, the deceased son of the church before the altar might have been an unknown laborer rather than the President of the United States.

The emphasis of the service was strongly fo-

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Associated Press Photo

Mrs. John F. Kennedy leads nation in tribute to her husband.

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cused on the Christian conviction that death is not the end, but the beginning of a larger, eternal life.

It was a national day of mourning, and millions of Americans across the land flocked to special worship services in Kennedy's memory.

As dawn broke on the third day after an assassin's bullet cut Kennedy down in Dallas, Texas, and stunned the world, his people still shuffled silently into the great vaulted rotunda of the Capitol to pay their respects before his flag-draped casket. The line outside was several miles long at one point during the night.

Cool, sunny skies were predicted today.

The doors were closed at 9 a.m. and final preparations made for the slain Chief's final departure from Capitol Hill.

Military pallbearers eased the casket down the stairs and placed it again on the horse-drawn caisson that brought it to Capitol Hill Sunday before 300,000 persons along Pennsylvania Avenue.

Solemn Procession

To the dreadful tattoo of muffled drums and hymns sung by the Navy Choir, the solemn procession entered the White House driveway and halted.

Mrs. Kennedy and the attorney general left their car at the north portico and followed the caisson

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on foot for the half mile to St. Matthew's.

Plans Reception

After the burial, Mrs. Kennedy planned to receive foreign leaders and heads of delegations at the White House. President Johnson was to greet them at a 5:30 p.m. reception at the State Department.

The White House said it did not know how or whether the Kennedy children would take part in today's somber events. Today is John Jr.'s third birthday. Caroline will be six on Wednesday.

Both accompanied their mother Sunday in the cortege that carried their father to the Capitol to lie in state.